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SUBJECT: FIRST REPORT PARKHURST/PILGRIM MEETING WITH
TAUTZ, MENZHAUSEN AND ROST, TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 1977

1. PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CHARLES PARKHURST TO NATIONAL GALLERY DIRECTOR CARTER BROWN.

2. TAUTZ PREAMBLE SAID "WE WANT THE SHOW - THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION."

3. INDEX: PICTURES ADDED ARE CRANACH, "HEINRICH PORTRAIT". BUT NOT "KATHERINA", POUSSIN, "FLORA", VERMEER "GIRL READING" ALSO WILDON'S AND GRUNDIG, OTHERS RULED OUT BY CONSERVATORS. WE WILL SEEK FURTHER ADDITIONS NONETHELESS. NO DOLLAR VALUES AVAILABLE YET.

4. LIST: RUBEN'S "HERO AND LEANDER" OUT. TINTORETTO "WOMAN IN MOURNING" SUBSTITUTED FOR VERONESE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED. FILARETI SUBSTITUTED FOR GIANBOLOGNA. FOR RUSTKAMMER WE AGREED TO CATALOGUE CHANGES ON ADVISE NICKEL AND RAGGIO, AND POLISH SADDLE ADDED. PORCELAIN LIST AS UNCLASSIFIED

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REVISED IN CATALOGUE ACCEPTED ON ADVISE RAGGIO. GREEN VAULTS CATALOGUE LIST ACCEPTED WITH ADDITIONS MINOR PIECE DROPPED. NUMBERS 1, 2, 3. ON SCULPTURE LIST ALL PIECES RETAINED IN THE "WASHINGTON AND HERCULANEUM" FIGURES. SELECTION OF 2 RUDOLPH DRAWINGS LEFT TO THEM. DRESDEN VIEW BY KRETZSCHMAR APPROVED OVER "HASSEBRAUK". RUBENS "QUOS EGO" SEEMS APPROVED FOR WASHINGTON ONLY. FURTHER DIS-

CUSSION ONLY. TOTAL VALUE NOW ESTIMATED ABOUT 80 MILLION DOLLARS.

5. CONTRACT: REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW TITLE "SPLENDOR, ETC..." ALSO ON 10 ARTICLES OF 9 SEPTEMBER DRAFT AS FOLLOWS SOME WITH MINOR CHANGES: 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14.
6. PROBLEMS: NO AGREEMENT AND NEED CONSORTIUM INPUT AS ON OTHER ARTICLES AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 3: THEY FIRMLY AGAINST ACCEPTING RISK FOR CURRENCY FLUCTUATION UNDER INDEMNITY. WE SAID WOULD CONSULT WASHINGTON BUT CERTAIN IT NOT POSSIBLE TO ALTER OUR POSITION. PLEASE ADVISE ON LEGAL OR OTHER JUSTIFICATION.

ARTICLE 5: AGREED BUT FOR COMPROMISE ON HUMIDITY. THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT BELOW 50 BECAUSE OF DRESDEN RIVER CLIMATE. THEY WILL ACCEPT RANGES R/H 50-60, TEMPERATURE 20-23. PLEASE VERIFY NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO CAN ADJUST. WILL REQUEST DAILY RECORDS DRESDEN GALLERIES. THEY ALSO INSIST ON SECURITY GLASS FOR ALL JEWELLED OBJECTS AND BULLET PROOF-GLASS FOR DIAMOND GARNITURE PLUS ARMED GUARD IN GREEN VAULT GALLERY OR ACCEPTABLE PROTECTION BY ALTERNATIVE MEANS.

ARTICLE 6: PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORT: THEY PROPOSE INTERFLUG TO ARRANGE ALL TRANSPORTATION DRESDEN-WASHINGTON AND TO NEGOTIATE AND ARRANGE SUB-CONTRACTS TO BRITISH AIRWAYS
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FOR PORTIONS DRESDEN-LONDON AND TO DIVIDE ALL LONDON-WASHINGTON 747 SHIPMENTS BETWEEN PAN AM AND BRITISH AIRWAYS. TWO SHIPMENTS DAILY, 50 MINUTES APART OVER 6 DAYS TO TOTAL 11 FLIGHTS. DRESDEN-LONDON A CHARTER; LONDON-WASHINGTON SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL. THEY ADAMANT ABOUT SHIPMENTS EXCEEDING 7.5 MILLION DOLLARS BY MORE THAN A NECESSARY MINIMUM. IF HAVE 11 SHIPMENTS WE WILL INSIST ON STRICT OBSERVANCE 7.5 MILLION LIMIT. AWAIT YOUR REPLY REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF INSURING VALUE OVERAGE ON ANY SINGLE SHIPMENT. UNDER ADVISE FOREIGN MINISTER, TAUTZ SAID CANNOT CONSIGN TO GDR EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR REASON OF COMPLEXITY THEIR SIDE. PLEASE ADVISE HOW OTHERWISE ADDRESS SHIPMENTS. REGARDING COURIERS, WE CONCUR WITH THEM, THEY ARE NECESSARY ON EACH FLIGHT, BUT, ONE OF THEIRS EACH PLANE SUFFICIENT. TOTAL PERSONNEL ROUND-TRIPS THEIR SIDE PROPOSED TO BE 38 INCLUDING 11 COURIERS, 6 TECHNICIANS EACH SHIPMENT POINT AND 2 RESIDENT CURATORS CHANGED TWICE, SOME PLAYING MULTIPLE ROLES. NUMBER OF CASES 160. EACH FLIGHT WILL CONTAIN OBJECTS FROM ALL COLLECTIONS. VITRINE OBJECTS THEREFORE NOT TO BE UNPACKED UNTIL ALL SHIPMENTS IN-HAND. FROM JAPAN 3 "FRIEDERICKS" AND ONE "DAHL" PAINTING TO COME DIRECT TO WASHINGTON. WE INSISTING JAPAN MUST COVER

COST OF DELIVERY OR RETURN OBJECTS TO DRESDEN FOR RE-SHIPMENT WITH OTHER OBJECTS.

ARTICLE 12: WHO PAYS WHAT: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ONLY.
ADD TO THEIR SIDE COST OF SECURITY DURING TRANSPORT INSIDE GDR. THEY DEMAND WE PAY OVER-TIME, ADDITIONAL STAFF AND COSTS ABOVE NORMAL TO PREPARE SHIPMENTS. WE WILL OPPOSE OR COUNTER-PROPOSE A NOT TO EXCEED FIGURE AFTER WE SEE ESTIMATE MODE OF PAYMENT UNDER CONTRACT MAY BE A PROBLEM. WE SUGGESTED PAYMENT BE MADE WITHIN AGREED NUMBER OF DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF INVOICES FOR SERVICES OR GOODS DELIVERED,

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INVOICES TO BE RENDERED BY LENDER BUT WE COULD PAY ANY ACCOUNT THEY REQUEST. PLEASE ADVISE.

ARTICLE 13: WE REQUESTED THEIR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES BE SPECIFICALLY NAMED IN WRITING BY DIRECTOR GENERAL BACHMANN.

ARTICLE 15: HELD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ONLY. WE WILL AIM TO KEEP AS IS, PLUS AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THEM WITH EVIDENCE OF NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE ON TOP OF INDEMNITY.

ARTICLE 16: THEY EXCLUDE PROPOSED ARBITRATION PANEL AND

ASK TO REVERT TO APRIL 7 CONTRACT DRAFT WHICH REFERS UN-
RESOLVED DISPUTES TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. OUR POSITION
WILL BE THAT THIS NOT POSSIBLE GIVEN PRIVATE NATURE OF U.S.
INVOLVEMENT AND THE NON-INVOLVEMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT.
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ARTICLE 17: TO BE DISCUSSED.

7. BUDGET ESTIMATES (PARTIAL) GDR PERSONNEL (FIGURES IN
U.S. DOLLARS).

COURIERS \$50 PER DIEM \$ 1,500

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

\$50 PER DIEM \$88,800

- \$ 90,300

TRAVEL GDR PERSONNEL

38 AT \$800 \$ 30,400

- \$120,700

INTERNAL TRAVEL NOT CALCULATED

US PERSONNEL: NOT CALCULATED

TRANSPORTATION (FIGURES BELOW GIVEN IN DM)

ESTIMATES BY GDR

DRESDEN-LONDON \$143,000 DM

LONDON-WASHINGTON \$140,000 DM

- \$283,000 DM

REQUESTED: PLEASE VERIFY LONDON-WASHINGTON FIGURES AT YOUR
END FOR 30 TONS IN ELEVEN SHIPMENTS. SUGGEST YOU ALSO
CHECK COST KLM CHARTER DIRECT EAST BERLIN-WASHINGTON.

PACKING CASES (160) 160,000 DM

ESTIMATES OF DRESDEN

- ADDITIONAL PACKING COSTS

- (OVERTIME, ADDED PERSONNEL, ETC.)

- NOT AVAILABLE YET.

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